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August 19, 1955

Mr. Walter L. Pforzheimer, Legislative Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. dear Mr. Pforzheimer:

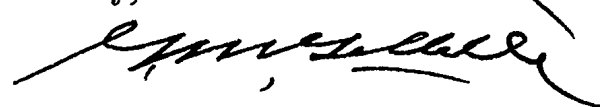
This acknowledges receipt of your letter of
August 16, 1955, with the enclosure of the document
entitled, "Polygraph Program in use by Government
Agency (A)".

I appreciate your helpful courtesy in making
this material available and also note your reference
to the fact that assurance has been given that we will
not make public use of the memorandum without consulting
you further. I renew that assurance and the staff will
be instructed to follow this policy.

Again thanking you, and with personal greetings,

I am

Sincerely,



Guy M. Gillette
Counsel

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Remarks: On the 13 July briefing of Mr. Gillette it was requested that this Agency furnish a statement on the use of the polygraph which is attached hereto. It was agreed that in the statement itself this Agency would not be identified by name. In addition, Mr. Gillette stated he would obtain the approval of this Agency in the event the Committee desired to include all or part of the statement in its published record.

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AUG 16 1955

The Honorable Guy M. Gillette, Counsel
Subcommittee on Government Employees'
Security Program
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Gillette:

You will recall that on 13 July 1955 Mr. Bannerman and I met with you and members of your staff to discuss the use of the polygraph by this Agency. At the conclusion of our discussion you asked if we would submit a memorandum summarizing the Agency's experience in this field. At the same time you assured us that this memorandum would be used only for background information and not for publication. You further stated that before any public use would be made of the memorandum you would consult with us further.

In accordance with these assurances, we are transmitting to you under separate cover the memorandum which you have requested. You will note that in order to facilitate your use of the memorandum for background purposes we have omitted the name of the Central Intelligence Agency from its text and simply designated ourselves as Agency (A). This memorandum sets forth the experiences of this Agency in the many thousands of cases in which the polygraph has been used here.

We deeply appreciate your courtesy in the handling of this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

WLP
OGC:WLP/blc (10 Aug. 55)

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Walter L. Pforzheimer
Legislative Counsel

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June 10, 1955

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Director:

Pursuant to our responsibilities under direction of the Senate in developing facts related to the present policies and purposes of national security as applied to Federal employees, we have considerable information relative to the use of the polygraph.

Staff reports to us indicate that the use of the polygraph is commonplace in organizations and agencies. It will be very helpful to us in assessing the value and possible recommendations relative to the future use of the polygraph if we could have as full information as you can give us of the use of this method in your agency. We particularly would like to know how common is its use, whether it is used on all employees or prospective employees, what results have been obtained from its use, how effective you consider its use to be, what persons other than the operator of the instrument are present when it is in use and what disposition is made of the results and findings in its use or whether such results are or have been available to those who might use them for their own purposes at some future time. These and many other questions which you determine would be pertinent will be very helpful to us in our estimate of the value of this method and the justification for its use.

It is my thought that it would be wise and also more fair to all concerned if we could have as full information as is possible in private conferences prior to the calling of witnesses for possible hearings before the Senate Subcommittee. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

I can be contacted at Room 216, HOLC Building, Corner First and Indiana Avenue, N. W. by phone or in person. I will be glad to arrange a conference to suit your convenience or, if you prefer, to send a member of our staff for an interview and

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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June 10, 1955

conference at a place suggested by yourself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Guy M. Gillette", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Guy M. Gillette
Counsel

United States Senate

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Washington 25, D. C.

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Inspector General

22 June 1955

Director of Security

Polygraph - Senatorial Inquiry

1. Attached is a paper covering the subject matter which we propose to disclose verbally to the Subcommittee on Government Employees' Security Program of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service in response to a letter dated 10 June from Mr. Gillette, General Counsel of the Subcommittee. The letter does not require a reply.

2. This matter is being presented for policy clearance of information proposed to be passed to Congress.

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